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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call on 5 April 1971 from Mr. Lawrence S. Casazza,
Deputy Director (Administration), Federal Highway Administration

1. Mr. Casazza telephoned to bring us up to date on the status of the Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration (DOT/FHWA) appeal to the President's Property Review Board concerning Fairbanks Highway Research Station property. The appeal was to have been considered before the end of March but the session was postponed. It is now supposed to occur prior to 15 April. According to Mr. Casazza, Mr. Arnold Webber, who is an Associate Director/OMB, is Chairman of the Property Review Board.

2. Mr. Casazza also advised that Mr. Hromanik of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) telephoned him on Friday reflecting Commission unhappiness at the proposed disposition of the property as not being in keeping with the NCPC master plan and also needling FHWA for not trying to prevent this action. Mr. Casazza explained the various actions about which Mr. Hromanik had not heard.

3. Mr. Casazza had earlier telephoned (10 March 1971) to acquaint us with the situation regarding Fairbanks Highway Research Station property. He called attention to the proposed surplus declaration which could include our baseball diamonds and our West Parking Lot. (Apparently 330 acres are involved which FHWA breaks into 50 ceded to CIA and 280 of interest to FHWA. Mr. Casazza said that the investigation report notes CIA interest in land for building purposes. He said further that the Board had met on 4 March and decided against DOT/FHWA thus denying the second appeal. The Board did allow the final appeal which DOT intended to submit. (As I understand him the whole property consists of 560 acres of which 131 were already under Use Permit to CIA, four to the Commonwealth of Virginia and 80 had been offered for Turkey Run. Of the remaining approximately 360 acres, 30 are in use by Fairbanks Research, leaving 330 in question.)

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